(b) the details of the proposed new rail lines by Andhra Pradesh Government which have not been approved by the Ministry along with the reasons for their non-clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of each and every demand received is not maintained. As per the available records, the details of new line proposals received from Government of Andhra Pradesh in the Ministry of Railways in the recent past are as under:-

S.No.	Name of the Project
1.	Cuddapah-Bangalore
2.	Manuguru-Ramagundam
3.	Bhadrachalam Road-Kovvur
4.	Bhadrachalam Road-Bhavanapalem
5.	Nadikude- Srikalahasti
6.	Jadcherla-Nandyal
7.	Armoor-Adilabad

The work of new line from Cuddapah to Bangalore has been included in the Railway Budget 2008-09 at a cost of Rs. 1000.20 crore. The final location survey is being taken up.

(b) Jadcherla-Nandyal and Armoor-Adilabad new rail lines have not been found feasible to be taken up due to unremunerative nature, heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and constraint of resources. The decision on other new lines mentioned at S.No.2 to 5 of part (a) above is yet to be finalized.

Multi-pronged programme to combat terrorism

2158. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have drafted a multi-pronged programme to combat the menace of terrorists, naxalites and other disruptive forces trying to target trains and stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CCTV would be installed at all the railway stations and adequate number of RPF personnel would be deployed; and

(d) if so, the plans of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Railways have decided to beef up security at Railway Stations and in trains through measures details of which are given as under:-

(i) An Integrated Security System is being implemented over stations (including sub-urban stations) of Metro cities of Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai and other 140 vulnerable / sensitive stations of Indian Railways. This system comprises of the following broad areas:-

1. Internet protocol based CCTV System with video analytics.
2. Access control.
3. Personal and baggage screening system.
4. Explosive detection and disposal system.

(ii) On the recommendations of Norms Committee, which had been formed for fixing scales/norms for procurement of modern security related equipment, Ministry of Railways have allocated Rs. 60.76 crore for procurement of security equipment to be used by the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

(iii) RPF has been upgraded with modern security gadgets like INSAS 5.56mm rifles, AK-47, SLR 7.62mm, Carbine 9 mm, Pistol Auto 9mm, Bullet Proof Jackets and Helmets, Walkie-Talkie, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors, Dog Squad etc.

(iv) 5042 vacancies of non-gazetted posts have been filled up in various Zonal Railways so far.

(v) A Committee comprising of officers from Railways, RPF, IB, CISF, Delhi Police and NSG was constituted by the Ministry of Railways to formulate a Composite Security Plan for the Railways. The committee has submitted its report. It has been approved and the same is being implemented to strengthen security system of railways.

Modernization of signalling set up

2159. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to modernize the Railways' signalling set up in the country; and

(b) what is the time-frame and expenditure set up by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Steps taken for modernization of Signaling set up on Indian Railway include provision of Route Relay Interlocking / Panel Interlocking / Electronic Interlocking alongwith colour light signaling in replacement of old aged mechanical / multi-cabin system, LED signals in place of outdated filament type signals, Axle counter for proving auto clearance of block section, data loggers, complete track circuiting of station section, Automatic Block Signalling and on-board train protection system.

(b) Modernization of Signalling System is continuous process. The Signal Equipments on Indian Railway are progressively replaced / upgraded with modern system on age/condition/need basis.

The expenditure incurred on works for modernization of Signal and Telecom system over last three years are as under:

(Rs. inCrores)

Year	Expenditure
2005-06	1042.54
2006-07	1182.03
2007-08	1344.95